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Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 60/56 of 8 December 2005, entitled, "Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments", and its resolution 61/69 of 6 December 2006, entitled "Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas",

Welcoming the desire of the South-East Asian States to maintain peace and stability in the region in the spirit of peaceful coexistence and mutual understanding and cooperation,

Reaffirming its conviction of the important role of nuclear-weapon-free zones in strengthening the nuclear non-proliferation regime and in extending the areas of the world that are nuclear-weapon-free, and, with particular reference to the responsibilities of the nuclear-weapon States, calling upon all States to support the process of nuclear disarmament and to work for the total elimination of all nuclear weapons,

Convinced that the establishment of a South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone, as an essential component of the Declaration on the Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality, signed in Kuala Lumpur on 27 November 1971, will contribute towards strengthening the security of States within the Zone and towards enhancing international peace and security as a whole,

Welcoming the reaffirmation of South-East Asian States that the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone shall continue to play a pivotal role in the area of confidence-building measures, preventive diplomacy and the approaches to conflict

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resolution as enshrined in Declaration of Association of Southeast Asian Nations Concord II (Bali Concord II),[1]

Reaffirming the inalienable right of all the parties to the Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone[2] to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination and in conformity with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,

Recognizing that the independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of non-nuclear-weapon States need to be safeguarded against the use or threat of use of force, including the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

Recalling all applicable principles and rules of international law relating to the rights under the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982,[3] in particular with regard to freedom of the high seas, rights of innocent passage, archipelagic sea lanes passage or transit passage of ships and aircraft,

1. *Welcomes* the commitment of the Commission for the Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone to further enhance and strengthen the implementation of the Bangkok Treaty by adopting a Plan of Action for the period 2007-2012 in Manila on 29 July 2007;

2. *Encourages* States parties to the Treaty to work towards convening direct consultations with the five nuclear-weapon States to resolve comprehensively, in accordance with the objectives and principles of the Treaty, existing outstanding issues on a number of provisions of the Treaty and its Protocol;

3. *Also encourages* nuclear-weapon States to continue to work constructively with States parties to the Treaty with a view to ensuring the early accession of the nuclear-weapon States to the Protocol to the Treaty;

4. *Further encourages* nuclear-weapon States, pending their accession to the Protocol to the Treaty, to provide individual or collective declarations that they would not contribute to any activity that would violate the Treaty;

5. *Underlines* the value of enhancing and implementing further ways and means of cooperation among nuclear-weapon-free zones;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty)".

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[1] A/58/548, annex I.

[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1981, No. 33873.

[3] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1835, No. 31363.